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- ☒ 2. Relevance of the non-English language references Nos. 1-2 is discussed in the present specification.
- ☒ 3. A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language references appears in the Appendix attached hereto.
- ☒ 4. English-language Abstracts of the non-English language references are attached hereto.
- ☒ 5. Computer-generated English translations of the following Japanese Patent Publication have been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office (<http://www.jpo.go.jp>), and are attached, but have not been reviewed for accuracy. See References 1-2.

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	1	JP A 2001-355417 (with abstract and translation)	12/26/2001	Japan			
	2	JP A 11-36829 (with abstract and translation)	02/09/1999	Japan			
OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)							
	3	"Electromagnetic Valve Control (EVC) A Future Technology to reduce Fuel Consumption In the Conflict between Variability, Complexity and Costs", DaimlerChrysler AG, Mercedes-Benz Technology Center, Stuttgart, pp 30-53 (with abstract)					
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List of Related Art for IDS

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publications (KOKAI)

Publication No.	Filing Date	Publication Date	Comments
JP-A-11-36829	1997/7/18	1999/2/9	Disclosed in the Related Art section of the specification.
JP-A-2001-355417	2000/6/9	2001/12/26	Disclosed in the Related Art section of the specification.

Other material

Technical essay for Vienna Motor Symposium 2003	Describes a structure in which an electromagnetic valve is provided only in intake side (Refer to Fig. 15)
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